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In re Application of :
Goddard et al. :
Application No. 10/063,592 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: May 3, 2002 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. P3230R1C001-168:

This is in response to the LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION filed March 1, 2007. Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor, applicants disclose that they believe the patent term adjustment calculation was done incorrectly.

The request for review of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is GRANTED.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (565) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On November 28, 2006, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 610 days. Applicants state no basis for their assertion that the patent term adjustment calculation was done incorrectly.

Nonetheless, a review of the application history confirms a basis for an entry of a period of reduction. 37 CFR 1.704(c) provides, in pertinent part, that:

Circumstances that constitute a failure of the applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application also include the following circumstances, which will result in the following reduction of the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 to the extent that the periods are not overlapping:

(8) Submission of a supplemental reply or other paper, other than a supplemental reply or other paper expressly requested by the examiner, after a reply has been filed, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed and ending on the date that the supplemental reply or other such paper was filed;

In this instance, after the filing of a response on July 31, 2006, on September 11, 2006, applicants filed a supplemental response and on September 14, 2006, applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The record supports a conclusion that these additional responses were not expressly requested by the examiner. Further, the IDS did not include a 1.704(d) statement. Accordingly, the PTA should have been reduced by 45 days, the number of days beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed, August 1, 2006, and ending on the date that the second supplemental reply or other such paper was filed, September 14, 2006.

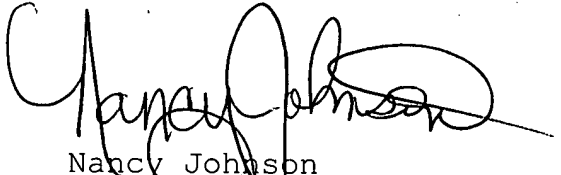
In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (565) days.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for issuance of the application. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment

of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.



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Enclosure: Copy of adjusted PAIR calculation

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/063592

Application Filing Date:	05/03/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	615
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
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